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MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT
FIRE TRUCK COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2016

1.Call to Order

The Fire Truck Committee meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by Fire Chief Todd Findeisen at 1:00 p.m. on February 26, 2016.

Committee Members present: Todd Findeisen, Holly Sisco-Bowen, Rebecca Colucci, Andy Delisio, Doug Turnberg, and Mike Misto.

2. Election of a Chairperson

A motion was made and seconded to elect Doug Turnberg as Chairman of the Committee. The motion passes unanimously

3.Election of a Secretary

A motion was made and seconded to elect Holly Sisco-Bowen as the Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

4.Discussion on should Engine 202 be replaced

Todd gave the committee a background of Engine 202. Engine 202 was built by KME Fire Apparatus and delivered to the District in 1994. It carries 750 gallons of water, has a pump rated at 1250 gpm, and carries hose and tools for firefighting operation.

The committee was given a handout of guidelines from the National Fire Protection Agency, also known as NFPA. NFPA is a National organization that sets forth guidelines for the fire service in the USA. NFPA guidelines that deal with fire apparatus is known as NFPA 1901. An updated edition of this section was enacted in 2016. Some highlights from Annex D of that section are as followed:

(a) Because the changes, upgrades, and fine tuning to NFPA 1901 have been truly significant, especially in the area of safety, fire departments should seriously consider the value (or risk) to firefighters of keeping fire apparatus more than 15 years old in first line service.

(b) Apparatus that were not manufactured to the applicable NFPA fire apparatus standards or that are over 25 years old should be replaced.

(c) **NFPA Annex D Conclusion.** A fire apparatus is an emergency vehicle that must be relied on to transport fire fighters safely to and from an incident and to operate reliably and properly to support the mission of the fire department. A piece of fire apparatus that breaks down at any time during an emergency operation not only compromises the success of the operation but might jeopardize the safety of the fire fighters relying on that apparatus to support their role in an operation. An old, worn-out, or poorly maintained fire apparatus has no role in providing emergency services to a community.

(d) Todd presented the committee with serious problems the department has had with Engine 202 in which the truck had to be taken out of service:

- 09/23/13 Exhaust System had to be Replaced
- 12/04/13 Steering Box had to be replaced
- 11/05/16 Truck wouldn't start at the station during a training. Batteries were replaced
- 12/15/16 Truck wouldn't start for a call. Auto Charger had to be replaced

Some discussion followed on the presented materials

A motion was made by Todd Findeisen and Seconded by Rebecca Colucci that the committee recommends that Engine 202 be replaced .

Discussion: Chairman Doug Turnberg recommend that a third party company specializing in fire apparatus be contacted to thoroughly go over Engine 202 and make a recommendation to the Committee before a vote is taken. The Committee unanimously agreed and directed Todd to have a third party company inspect Engine 202 before a vote is taken.

5.Discussion on the type of Truck needed for the Fire District

Mike Misto presented the Committee with what the Fire Department Truck Committee has recommended as to the needs of the Fire District and Fire Department.

(a)Is a Ladder Truck needed because of the new Town Building Codes concerning taller pilings for houses in the Shoreline Floodplain

- The current quote on a Ladder Truck is \$850,000.00 to \$950,000.00 compared to a Pumper which is \$450,000.00 to \$550,000.00
- The District is limited to just a few types of Ladder Trucks because the garage door openings at the station are 11'3". Most Ladder Trucks require a taller opening.
- The Department currently has Automatic Mutual Aid Agreements for a Ladder Truck with Watch Hill Fire (1.5 miles away) and Dunns Corners Fire (2.5 miles away). Westerly Fire also has a Ladder Truck (4 miles away)
- Studies find that more rescues are made with ground ladders compared to actual Ladder Trucks because of electrical wires, narrow driveways with low overhanging trees, and very limited placement of the truck in which only a few sides of the building can be reached
- A New Pumper could be equipped with a 35' Ground Ladder compared to the standard 24' that come on most Pumpers.
- The Misquamicut Fire Truck Committee Recommends a New Tuck to be a Pumper with a 35' Ground Ladder.

Some discussion followed

A motion was made by Todd Findeisen and Seconded by Doug Turnberg if the Committee recommends a New Truck to The District it will be a Pumper with a 35' Ground Ladder. The vote was unanimous.

6. Agenda Referrals

The following items are referred to the next District Truck Committee meeting on March 16, 2016 at 3:00 pm.

- (a) The report from a Third Party Company specializing in Fire Apparatus's be Reviewed
- (b) A Vote be taken on if this committee recommends a New Truck be purchased for the Fire District based on information received and discussed.
- (c) Go over the Specification that the Fire Department Truck Committee has put together for a Truck and all needed Equipment.

7. Adjournment

A vote was taken for adjournment. It was unanimous